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ANTI-BILLBOARD CLUB IS NOW WORKING

Will Advocate Boycott of Articles Which Are Offensively Advertised.

PROMINENT MEN ARE AT WORK

Call Billboards Insults to All Lovers of Nature and Will Resent the Same.

The first practical step toward regulating the billboard nuisance with a view to finally exterminating it, has been taken in the formation of a club, the members of which agree not to purchase articles advertised in a vulgar and insulting way. To commence with, the club members, who are all automobilists as yet, have notified the agents of Goodrich tires that so long as the Goodrich billboards remain there will be no sale for them among the club members.

The club, for which there is no initiation fee and to which everyone is eligible who desires to maintain the scenic beauty of Hawaii unmarred by obtrusive advertising, is called "The Club for the Preservation of Natural Scenery and the Prevention of Insults." George R. Carter is president and organizer.

"We include 'the prevention of insult' in our club name because we believe that the big signboards in Oahu, especially in the country districts, are insults to every lover of nature," says Mr. Carter.

"The charter members of the club include J. P. Cooke, John Waterhouse, E. M. Swamy, James Wilder, J. R. Galt, Gerrit Wilder and George Sherman. Each charter member is entitled for others and already a large list of men willing to do without billboard-advertised articles and willing to so announce publicly has been signed up.

"We have already written to the Goodrich tire people telling them that we resent their style of advertising and will not buy any more of their tires as long as their billboards remain," said Mr. Carter last night. "I think those billboards will go down just as soon as the tire manufacturers can be heard from. Then we can concentrate on something else. I have consistently refused to buy certain articles advertised in this highly objectionable way and I have always refused to allow the use of any of my property for outdoor advertising purposes.

"I was very glad to learn, too, that the managers of the R Estate have refused the use of their property, and I know others who have declined to rent land for such monstrosities as the Bull Durham and such signs. But, while others do allow the use of their property for the signboards, all that we can do by way of protest is to refuse to buy the things advertised."

In connection with the vigorous action decided upon by some of the leading automobilists of Honolulu, it is interesting to note that the leading automobilists of the mainland have commenced a crusade against obnoxious and scenery-destroying signs. On Friday, the first of the present month, the members of the fifty automobile clubs of New York State had a "clean-up" day and they downed all the signs along the roads of the State. The New York Herald of August 28 gave notice of the clean-up day.

"Following the passage of a law by the legislature making it a misdemeanor to deface the public highways in this State by advertising signs, the good roads committee of the Automobile Club of America has designated next Friday, when the act goes into effect, as 'Clean-up Day' and has requested members of all of the automobile clubs in the State to devote the day to destroying the signs which now disfigure the scenery.

"The enormous increase of signs advertising every conceivable article which now obtrude upon travelers and in many cases mar the natural beauty of the scenery led the Automobile Club of America to make the fight which resulted in the present law. It was pointed out that the advertiser paid

CONTRACTORS ARE LAYING THE CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS FOR NAVAL STATION PLANT

The Hawaiian Dredging Company has begun active work at Pearl Harbor in laying the foundations for the seven industrial buildings for the naval station. The company is already going ahead with the work, the contract for which was let last month for about \$18,000.

The foundations are practically the first steps toward erecting the naval station plant and upon these founda-

HIGH PRAISE FOR THE LOCAL POSTS

Congressman Kahn Is Delighted With Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

That Schofield Barracks possesses the finest natural maneuver ground in the United States, and that Fort Shafter is the finest post he has seen, is the opinion of Congressman Julius Kahn of San Francisco, who made the trip to those two posts yesterday.

Early in the morning a party consisting of the visiting Congressman, Brigadier-General Magomb, Captain Carter and Captain Edwards, constructing quartermaster, left Honolulu in Captain Edwards' big steam car, and after stopping at Shafter went along out to Schofield, returning to the city late in the afternoon.

While at Schofield the party was shown around the quarters of the various organizations by the commanding officers, Colonel Rumbough taking them in charge for the artillery inspection, Colonel Wilder for the Fifth Cavalry and Colonel Mansfield for the infantry inspection. At lunch Congressman Kahn was the guest of Colonel Mansfield.

Informal Visit. While at Schofield there was an artillery drill for the visitors, but aside from that there were no official notices taken of the visit.

Mr. Kahn said last evening that he told the officers he wanted to make the trip informally and that he did not want any of the regular military honors shown him.

What He Thinks. While at Schofield the party was shown around the quarters of the various organizations by the commanding officers, Colonel Rumbough taking them in charge for the artillery inspection, Colonel Wilder for the Fifth Cavalry and Colonel Mansfield for the infantry inspection. At lunch Congressman Kahn was the guest of Colonel Mansfield.

"We had a fine trip and I was pleased to see what good camps the army has here in Hawaii," said the Congressman last evening at the Young Hotel. "I think that Schofield has the finest natural maneuver ground in the whole army. Besides the great plain, there are mountains and gorges where the officers can work out all sorts of problems in defense, attack and transportation that would become necessary in actual warfare. It is an ideal spot for a large camp, and I believe it to be the best in the whole country."

"At Fort Shafter, it did me good to get into the barracks of the men, for everything there was in fine shape and that post has the best buildings and arrangements of any post in the United States."

Believes in Instruction. Speaking further of Schofield Barracks, Congressman Kahn said that he visited the camp where two companies of the National Guard were in tents yesterday, and said that they were a fine looking lot of soldiers who were going into the maneuvers. These practice camps do a world of good both to the National Guard companies and to the regulars," he said.

"I have visited several of them, the large camp at Atascadero where several regiments are encamped for practice work being one, and they all impress me with the businesslike way in which they are laid out.

Sanitation First. "Had the Army known as much about camp life and mobilizing large numbers of men in 1898 as it does now, there would have been no Chicomangua, no Montauk Point and no Camp Merritt with thousands dying of disease. The first thing looked into now is sanitation, and the next thing is food, and it is on these two counts that the reserve army of the country is learning so much every year in contact with the regulars."

"As first requisite for a camp it must have good drainage, and all the waste is buried, so there is no danger of disease from that source.

"Then the rationed given the soldiers are better prepared than ever before. We have cooking schools in the army where the cooks are taught the proper way to prepare food, something that was not thought of a few years ago. It is a great advance in a few years, and the army is on an altogether different footing than a very few years ago."

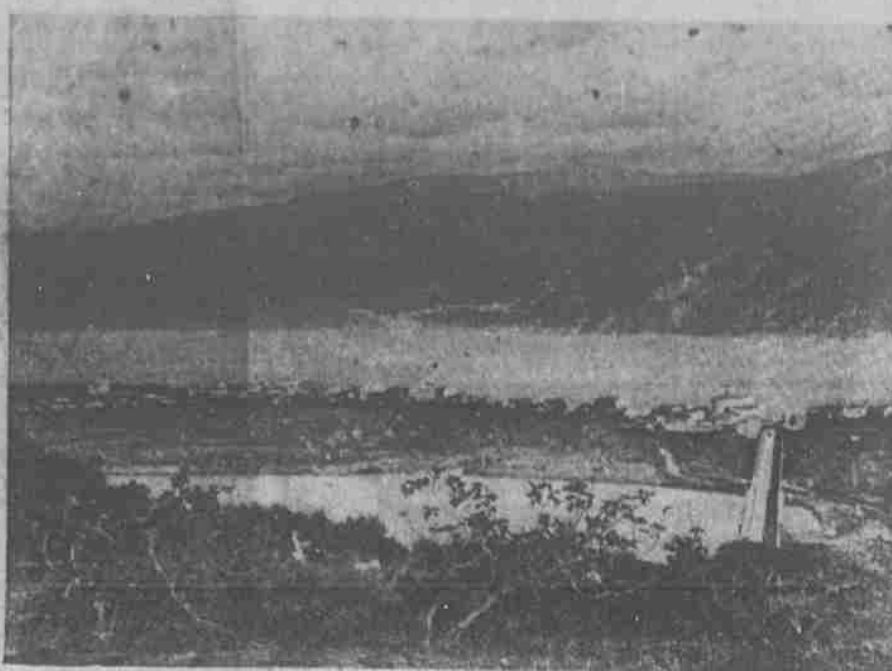
Thinks Concentration Good. Asked what he thought of the idea of concentrating soldiers in barracks near the city, Congressman Kahn said that was the policy of the war department at the present time.

Pressed for his opinion on the matter, he said: "I can see nothing against this move and there are many reasons for its adoption."

"As to the officers, there are advantages for the isolated camps for the men where they are far from any city, and there are others who are just as strong for the town barracks idea. Of course the main point is economy in administration, and it is getting supplies to

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WHERE QUAKES AND ERUPTIONS PREVAIL



ON THE COAST OF SICILY, NEAR ETNA.

ANOTHER CIVIC CENTER ADVOCATE

Alderman O'Brien of Cincinnati Believes Every City Should Adopt Modern Plan.

Another leading civic center advocate is in Honolulu, in the person of Alderman O'Brien of Cincinnati, an Irishman solid among the Germans of the big Ohio city, the only one which owns a steam railroad.

Mr. O'Brien is not only an advocate of the civic center idea for Cincinnati, but for all cities. He was the aldermanic representative of his city to a national convention called for the very purpose of discussing how best to undertake city planning.

"The alderman from Cincinnati is neither a theorist nor a dreamer. Mr. O'Brien claims above all things to be a practical man of affairs and when he advocates a civic center as the best thing for a city, he means it from a business as well as from the aesthetic standpoint. He points to Cincinnati as a city which is fast working toward a civic center which will be the admiration not only of all Ohio, but of the country at large, a city in which for twenty years he has been alderman."

As a result of his investigations he has prepared a report on "city planning," embodying his ideas and giving his reasons why a civic center pays.

"Just look at it from this standpoint," said Mr. O'Brien yesterday. "Suppose you have a courthouse in a part of the city which is well built up and you want to enlarge your court-house and have to buy adjoining property. That property is going to be expensive and you're going to pay top-notch prices. We had to do that and the idea of buying a big site and at the same time getting rid of some of our old places, which, of course, do not beautify a city. All right."

"Then we look around to find a large area in such a district, but of course in a locality which will be well worth while, and take in a few blocks. That wipes out the tenements, and if we do not need that section for some time, why we turn it into a park. It will keep, and of course we got it at a reasonable price. Then, when we're ready we put up our public buildings, planning to put one here and another there, and so on until that section becomes our civic center."

The alderman wants to retire. He has been elected six times, twice without opposition. The Germans are among his best backers. Whenever the alderman introduces a bill they accept it in good faith.

The alderman has visited the volcano and regards it, as everybody else does, as the greatest wonder in the world. But he says he did not appreciate the humor of the young lady playing "Nearer, My God, to Thee" on the Volcano House piano just as he and his party were preparing to descend to the crater by auto.

He likes Honolulu, and if he can escape being elected again this year he intends to come back and stay here awhile.

Today he will be conducted into the presence of Mayor Joseph J. Fern by J. Walter Doyle, who is his guide and philosopher while he remains in Honolulu. He leaves for the Coast tomorrow on the Sierra.

CONGRESSMAN LATTA IS DEAD FROM OPERATION

ROCHESTER, Minnesota, September 12.—Congressman James P. Latta of Nebraska, Third district, died here yesterday as the result of an operation.

DEDICATION DAYS FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

Program Will Last Entire Week When New Building Is Occupied.

Most important of the matters brought to the attention of the directors of the Y. M. C. A. at the regular monthly meeting held last evening, was the report of the building committee, to the effect that the week of October 8, had been selected as "Dedication Week," and the program for the exercises was submitted to the board.

There were present at the meeting J. H. Trent, C. H. Atherton, R. G. Dillingham, Robert Anderson, R. J. Pratt, W. A. Love, Ed Tewe and Robbins R. Anderson.

The week selected for the dedication of the new structure and the moving from the building which has been the home of the association for so many years will be full of interesting events.

Program for Week. First in the ceremonies will be the final locking up of the doors of the old building at four thirty on the afternoon of October 8, W. R. Castle performing this duty.

Monday, the first directors' meeting in the new building will be held at five in the afternoon and afterward there will be a dinner given the members of the pulpit and press by the directors of the association, who will show the guests over the completed new home.

Tuesday will be given over to the members of the association and the subscribers to the fund for building the new structure, all the afternoon and evening being devoted to them.

Dedication Day. Wednesday will be dedication day, and the dedicatory exercises will be held in the auditorium of the building, which will seat 1,000 persons and has a large stage.

These exercises will consist of turning over the building by the contractor to T. Clive Davies, chairman of the building committee, who will immediately turn it over to President R. H. Trent of the association.

One of the local clergy will dedicate the building and then there will be three talks. One on the relations of the Y. M. C. A. to the church, one on the relations of the Y. M. C. A. to the city and another from a member of the association staff.

Thursday has been named as visitors' day, when the building will be open to any one who wishes to see it.

Friday night has been called "educational night," at which time the educators of the city will be invited to be present.

Athletic Night. Saturday evening, the last of the important week, will be given over to sports and called physical night.

At this time the various athletic teams of the association will enter contests in the new gymnasium, basketball, handball and baseball games being on the schedule to be presented by Physical Director Hand.

Net \$4,500 Yearly. The rooms of the new building will be open for rental at the close of dedication week, and the prices range from \$12 a month for the smaller single rooms up to \$23 for the larger double rooms.

According to the estimates made by the officials the rooms in the building will net about \$4,500 yearly to the association.

The membership committee reported twelve names last evening, and all were elected to the association.

Mr. Larimer told the directors of the employment branch of the work being done and of its success, several boys being given positions as a result of the work they have done in the association's night school.

Japanese Director. That the Japanese Y. M. C. A. in the city is to be located in evident from a

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TO DO MUCH ON SMALL AMOUNT

Sanitarians Discuss Problem of Doing Million Dollar Job on \$150,000.

How to make \$150,000, of which only \$75,000 is available this year, do the work where over \$1,000,000 is needed, is the problem which confronted Acting Governor E. A. Mott-Smith, former Governor George Carter, chairman of the sanitary commission; Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, president of the board of health, and Marston Campbell, superintendent of public works, who met at the capital yesterday afternoon to discuss sewerage plans and the proposals for filling in and otherwise improving the district bounded by South King street, Ward Avenue and Ala Moana. In the district just mentioned there are not only sewerage problems, but questions of surface drainage, filling in of low lands and water supply to be considered.

Tentative Plans. The discussion in regard to sewerage was purely tentative, said Acting Governor E. A. Mott-Smith after the conference. "The sum of \$75,000 out of the \$150,000 which has been appropriated from the loan funds has now become available. This is entirely inadequate to do the work that should be done and care must be exercised to make the best application of what little

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ACROSS CONTINENT IN AN AEROPLANE

AUBURN, California, September 12.—Fowler arrived here last evening, making the distance of 126 miles in two hours and forty-one minutes of flight.

Starts on Air Voyage. SAN FRANCISCO, September 11.—Robert G. Fowler of Los Angeles, a pupil of the Wrights, today started to fly from San Francisco to New York for the \$50,000 prize offered by William Randolph Hearst. He left this city at 1:37 o'clock and will follow the lines of the Southern and Union Pacific railroads.

PROHIBITION IS IN DANGER IN MAINE

PORTLAND, Maine, September 12.—Returns from the election indicate that prohibition is defeated in this State, after fifty years, during which the manufacture and sale of liquor has been illegal. The question to be decided is whether prohibition shall be continued or the liquor traffic regulated.

BARRY IS CHAMPION. LONDON, September 11.—Ernest Barry, the sculler, today defeated Fogwell, champion of New Zealand.

PERMITS NO DELAY IN FLEET'S SAILING

WASHINGTON, September 12.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy W. H. Woodcock yesterday refused the request of San Francisco for a delay in the sailing of the Pacific fleet to Hawaii. It is probable that the fleet will leave Valdez about October 1.

THREE CRATERS BELCHING ASHES

Etna Volcano, Sicily, Again in Eruption and People Are Panicstricken.

EARTH SHOCKS ARE FREQUENT

Villages Being Abandoned by the Inhabitants, Who Form in Processions.

CATANIA, Sicily, September 12.—Mount Etna is again in eruption and three new craters have been formed, from which heavy showers of ashes are being thrown, covering the surrounding country.

Earthquake shocks are constant and the inhabitants of the many villages in this district are panicstricken and are abandoning their homes by hundreds.

Religious Processions. In many places the people are forming processions and carrying the pictures and statues of saints toward the volcano with prayers that the eruptions shall cease.

The latest reports from the district most affected is that lava flows are threatening Linguaglossa and other villages in that vicinity.

Heavy Damages. The damage to the crops and to vineyards from ashes and lava will be great and much distress is already felt by the fugitives from the abandoned villages, few of whom have saved any of their belongings.

The authorities are taking steps to send relief to those places where there is the most need, but so far no reports have been received of loss of life.
